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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov 4	**Council Meeting**	**7:30 PM**	**Marysville School District 1049 State Ave, 2nd Floor Marysville, WA 98270**
Nov 29	**Council Dance**	**2:00-5:00 PM**	**Northshore Senior Center 10201 E Riverside Dr, Bothell**

Dancer Spotlight



Meet Our Student Liaison Team!

Steve, Grace, Camile, Jennifer, and Lynnea

We all found square dancing in different ways, but somehow we all ended up with the same problem… we got hooked!

How did you discover square dancing?

Camile: Friends took her to a college square dance club. Imagine 80 to 100 college students learning and dancing every Wednesday! That sounds like one big party.

Grace: She saw a square dance demonstration at the 44th Fair in 2022, got the lesson information, gave it a try… and the rest is history.

Jennifer: She discovered square dancing through Dave Harry's teaching in local schools.

Lynnea: Her sister convinced her to try lessons in 2019. She really didn't want to go, but after the very first night… she was hooked. Sometimes sisters really do know best!

Our advice for new dancers

Dance as much as you can. Go to different dances, try different callers, attend student dances, and don't be afraid to square up near the front.

Most importantly, have fun!

Everyone makes mistakes, even experienced dancers. So don't stand around waiting for someone to ask you. Put your hand up, find a square, and jump right in!

What do we love about square dancing?

The friendships, the laughter, the teamwork, the exercise for both your body and your brain, and the fact that there is always something new to learn.

And of course… it's FUN!

What are their hobbies?

Camile: Sewing, knitting, reading, and traveling.

Grace: Dancing, sewing, and watching Korean dramas.

Jennifer: Reading, gardening, dancing, hiking, and horseback riding.

Lynnea: Camping, biking, crafting, sewing, baking, and spending time with Patrick and her pets.

And now… a little bit about Steve Sworen.

Hmmmm… we're going to let Steve do some of the work himself! If you see him at a dance, ask him how he got started in square dancing, what advice he has for new dancers, and don't forget to ask him about his hobbies too. So Steve… be ready. We're sending people your way!

Different people, different stories, but one thing we all have in common:

We love to dance, laugh, and have fun!

Grace Maria

Hello, New Dancers!

Welcome, we're happy that you've joined us for square dance lessons! By now, you've been attended many lessons and have learned A LOT of moves. Maybe you've attended a no-experience and/or student-level dance, if not, it's not too late, see below!

You've also gotten to know your club members and received your *2026/2027 New Dancer Handout*.

That's a great start—but the fun is just beginning!

Here are some things to know:

- There are 10 clubs within our council offering lessons right now, with over **90** new dancers!
- You're welcome to take lessons at **as many** clubs as you'd like

Check the calendar at www.sqdance.org and look for "Angel" to find out when clubs are **holding lessons**

- There are many **student-level** and **no-experience** dances available, check the calendar and make sure they are not "mainstream" dances - you'll attend those after you graduate

Attend **10** dances at different clubs and special events within the Mt. Baker Council and you'll earn a **Round Tuit** dangle, ask your club for the signature form or you can find it on the "About MBC, Forms Table" at www.sqdance.org

Visit the "**Learn!**" tab at www.sqdance.org for lots of helpful information, including a list of student-level dances, videos of the moves, and an app called Taminations that demonstrates the moves

Provide feedback; your safety comes first - if you'd rather not swing, have a sore shoulder, etc, please let your square know and they will accommodate you

Once you graduate, you'll enjoy attending **Mainstream** dancing almost anywhere—at clubs, festivals, conventions, cruises, and much much more!

Visit www.wheresthedance.com to find dances and discover new places to dance. Most importantly, **have fun**, keep practicing, and enjoy the friendships and experiences that come with square dancing!

Lynnea Dunbar MBC Student Liaison



President's Message

Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253
lopann@aol.com or
mbcprez@gmail.com

Thanks to Happy Hoppers and Freewheelers for providing snacks tonight. I'm passing the snack clipboard for clubs to sign up. We usually ask two clubs per meeting.

Lessons seem to be going well around the council. Attendance appears to be up, in large part due to better advertising. I give much of the credit to Bri Rial and her group of dancers helping clubs with Facebook posts. The Square Crows, for example, currently have 30 students after 4 lessons. That number will decline over time but for now it's pretty exciting.

At this year's leadership training Steve Sworen introduced us to the *Square Dance Revival* group. They have a website with training and tips to help clubs and square and round dancing in general. I signed up to receive their newsletters. I want to share one element on the website.

Clues for Successful Clubs

Lead with inclusion, not tradition. Traditions are good but we must be inclusive also.

Make it easy to try. Make sure new dancers know that they don't need to bring a partner and they don't need special clothes.

Create a strong first-night experience. Greet newcomers and be welcoming.

Foster kindness on the dance floor. Encourage patience and support. Discourage correcting on the floor. Don't complain or exclude people.

Show real, diverse dancers. Ages, gender, Body types, Skill levels.

Communicate where people are. Social media, videos, texts, email.

Promote what matters today. Fun fitness, brain health, creativity, social connection.

Invite participation. Ask for ideas and what committees might they find interesting.

Keep evolving. Be open to new music and teaching styles.

For more content check out the website: https://squaredancerevival.org/

I'm hoping we can have the state federation spring meeting on April 30th in Everett. We're trying to continue to promote enthusiasm for our festival.

We will have a report from the audit committee a little later.

I have appointed Andrene Zuanich to be the MBC Solo Coordinator.

I will not be able to attend next month's meeting and Ken Frey will chair the meeting. Next month the Dudes & Dolls and Chuckanut Squares will be providing snacks



FREEWHEELERS

HARVEST DANCE



Sunday November 1, 2026

Caller: Spyder Webb

Cuer: Randy Preskitt

6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds
7:00 to 9:00 **MS** with Rounds
9:-00 Plus tip

Cedar Valley Grange
20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood
Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219
Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com
Www.squaredanceseattle.com

Cascade Crossfires

Plus *Square Dancing*

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

(For Nov it's the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rdand 30th)

Plus Lessons
Continue With
Plenty of 'Just Dancing'

(Members come for the Dancing!)

More Info: http://cascadecrossfires.org
Cedar Valley Grange: 20526 52nd Ave W

425-435-8253
Lynnwood,WA

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest

November 6th

No Experience Dance

No Partner Needed

Ages 8 years and Above

Dancing Begins at 7:30

Dancing Dave will be teaching basic Square Dance Moves and Line Dances

Bring a new to dancing guest and be entered into our year end drawing

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdssquaredance@gmail.com



DANCING SHADOWS

Nov. 7

All Round Dance

Randy & Marie Preskitt

Phase 4,5,6 Workshop 5:00 – 6:45

Phase 2,3,4 Round Dance 7:00-9:00

Nov. 21

All Round Dance

Leo Urquhart

Phase 4,5,6 Workshop 5:00-6:45

Phase 2,3,4 Round Dance 7:00-9:00

Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE Kirkland



Skagit Squares
Upcoming 2026 Dances

Mainstream Club Dances - 3rd Saturdays - Nov 21st *(Fly Away Bird – Begin Toys for Tots)* & **Dec 19th** *(Toyland)* from **6:30 to 9pm** with **Gunter Monroe calling & Bob/Linda Berka Cueing**

1st Saturday Level Dances – Nov 7th & Dec 5th - with Dave Harry calling from 7 to 9pm

Mount Vernon Community Center - 1401 Cleveland – Mt Vernon WA
More Info - Murray murbennett52@gmail.com or www.skagitsquares.org

Happy Hoppers Present:

Stars and Stripes Veterans Dance

Sunday NOV 8TH

Andy Garboden
Calling & Katie
Marteny Cueing

Plus 6-6:30
Mainstream 6:30-8:30



NEW VENUE!
South Lake Stevens Grange
2109 103rd Ave SE Lake Stevens

www.happyhoppers.org

Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

Line Dancing: 7:00PM

Student Dance 7:30-9:30 PM

November 13
Dudes & Dolls Salute our Veterans!



STUDENT DANCE AND EXPERIENCED CLOTHING SALE!

All students and Angels are welcome!

We will be collecting donations for Fisher House which aids local Military families!

CALLER: SCOTT COON Line Dancing: Lisa Weiser

Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

SAMENA SQUARES

Juanita Community Club
13027 100th AVE NE, Kirkland

TURKEY TROT



CALLER: ANDY GARBODEN

CUER: ALISON HAMPTON

NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Hearing enhancement available
Credit Cards accepted

7:30 – 8 PM Plus
8 – 10 PM
Mainstream
Rounds between tips

All Aboard

Fogcutters PRESENTS

Caller
Randy Preskitt
Cuer
Bob Berka

Skagit Valley Grange
21273 Cook Rd. Burlington

Nov. 14, 2026 Plus Dance
1:30 rounds/ Dance 2-4
Join us afterward for dinner at the Train Wreck restaurant in Burlington



Caller: Rob Sax
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

Facebook – Fern Bluff Squares

Turkey Lurkey Level Dance!

Get a Dangle



South Lake Stevens Grange
2109 103rd Ave SE
Lake Stevens, WA
Adults: $10.00
Youth: (12-18) $5.00
Children: (11 & Under) Free w/ Adult



Saturday November 14, 2026
Pre-Rounds 6:30 to 7:00pm
Plus 7:00 to 7:30pm
Mainstream 7:30 to 9:30 pm
Experienced Clothing Sale

FREEWHEELERS

PLUS

THANKSGIVING DANCE

Sunday November 15, 2025

Caller: Randy Preskitt

Cuer: Randy Preskitt



Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com

Www.squaredanceseattle.com

6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds

7:00 to 9:00 **Plus** with Rounds

Chuckanut Squares

(formerly Rainbow Squares)

Dancing Thursdays in Bellingham

With Caller Rob Sax

Lessons 6:30-8pm / MS 8:00-900pm

(November 5th and 12th)

Level Dance

November 19th 6:30pm

Refreshments/Social afterwards

ANGELS NEEDED

BSAC North – 140 E Bellis Fair Pky, Bellingham, WA

Contact: Andrea 360-318-8239

Pilgrims & Patriots Level Dance





Friday
November 20, 2026

Pre-Rounds 7:30 p.m.
Mainstream 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Caller: Vance Morrison
Cuer: Kyle Quande

Info: 206 914-2253 or 425 785-9046



Entry Donation
$10.00 per Person



Please bring a new unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots drive.

Square Crows Dance Club
Dance Location: Maltby Community Club
8711 206th St. SE
Snohomish WA 98296

Come Dance with Whirlybirds **Mainstream 8pm**

Live Music Hoedown





November 21st

LIVE MUSIC with Dave and Bonnie

Dancing Begins At 8pm

Dave Harry calling & Lisa Weiser

*****Live Music******

&

A special Thank you to all Veterans in attendance



Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

Happy Hoppers Present:

Wild West Student dance

Sunday NOV 22nd

Vance Morrison Calling & Kyle Quande Cueing



Plus 6-6:30

Student Dance 6:30-8:30



NEW VENUE!
South Lake Stevens Grange
2109 103rd Ave SE Lake Stevens

www.happyhoppers.org

DUDES & DOLLS

Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

Pre-Rounds: Phase 3-4 7:00PM, Plus Dancing 7:30 PM

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

November 27

Black Light Disco Night!



Please wear neon or white clothing so you will glow in the dark! We will be using Black lights!

CALLER: Scott Coon CUER: Shawn Cavness

Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Freewheelers ***Dancing Shadows Shooting Stars, Square Crows Lessons***	**2** ***Crossfires Plus Lessons***	**3** Happy Rounders ***ABlast, Dudes & Dolls Happy Hoppers, Skagit Squares Lessons***	**4** **MBC Meeting 7:30** ***Fern Bluff Lessons Fogcutters Plus Shooting Stars Plus Lessons***	**5** ***Chuckanut Squares Freewheelers Samena Squares Whirlybirds Lessons***	**6** Whirlybirds **(No experience)**	**7** Dancing Shadows **Skagit Squares (Student Level)**
8 Happy Hoppers ***DS, SC, SS Lessons***	**9** ***Crossfires Plus Lessons***	**10** Happy Rounders ***AB,DD,HH, SkS Lessons***	**11** ***FB Lessons SS, FF Plus Lessons*** 	**12** ***CS, FW,SA SQ,WB Lessons***	**13** **Dudes & Dolls (Student Level)** Samena Squares	**14** Fogcutters **Fern Bluff (Student Level)**
15 **Freewheelers (Plus)** ***DS, SC, SS Lessons***	**16** ***Crossfires Plus Lessons***	**17** Happy Rounders ***AB,DD,HH, SkS Lessons***	**18** ***FB Lessons SS, FF Plus Lessons***	**19** ***FW,SA SQ,WB Lessons*** **Chuckanut (Student Level)**	**20** **Square Crows (Student Level)**	**21** Shooting Stars Dancing Shadows Skagit Squares Whirlybirds
22 **Happy Hoppers (Student level)** ***DS, SC, SS Lessons***	**23** ***Crossfires Plus Lessons***	**24** ***AB,DD,HH, SkS Lessons***	**25** ***FB Lessons SS, FF Plus Lessons***	**26** 	**27** Dudes & Dolls	**28**
29 **COUNCIL DANCE**	**30** ***Crossfires Plus Lessons***					

Pacific Northwest Callers School Tri Way Grange

Mount Baker Council Minutes
October 7th, 2026
Marysville School District Board Room,
1049 State Ave, Marysville

CALL TO ORDER: President Jo Ann Pyle called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm at the Marysville School District Board Room. Roll call of officers found all present. Roll call of clubs found all present.

Guests in Attendance:

Brooks Bennett, Square Crows; Jennifer Coy, Happy Hoppers; Janice Lewis, Free-wheelers.

Recording Secretary: Melody Scalzo 425-339-8440 mbcrecsec@gmail.com

Ray Gallagher moved and Karen Hammontree 2nd to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Voted and approved.

Proposed budget was presented and discussed. Motion to accept budget Ray Gallagher. John St. Marie 2nded. Motion approved

September minutes were amended to add the Heritage Center report and listed the Sky Valley Whirlwinds donation under New Business.

Delegate packets and Fall Council Dance tickets were distributed to the delegates. Karen Hammontree moved to approve Recording Secretary report, Leslie Keyes 2nded. Approved.

President: Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253 lopann@aol.com

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Vice President: Ken Frey 701-240-4023 kenfrey@yahoo.com

Lessons are going well and the new students seem to be very enthusiastic.

I need the Council Dance Guideline notebook and financial report from Samena Squares for the Spring Council Dance, 2026.

Also need final Council Dance financial reports for the following dances:

Spring 2023 – Fidalgo Fogcutters

Fall 2023 – Sky Valley Whirlwinds

Spring 2024 – Dudes and Dolls

Spring 2025 – Fern Bluff Squares

Treasurer: Tom Corning 949-228-0719 tomcorning@comcast.net

Tom went over the financial report (see attached). Karen Hammontree moved to approve Treasurer's report, Randy Lewis 2nded. Approved.

Bills were reported. Melody Scalzo moved to pay the bills, Karen Hammontree Leslie Keyes 2nded. Approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Randy Lewis 206-367-9219 randy2126@hotmail.com
I continue to send out a "weekly" email of dance opportunities to about 200 dancers,

callers & cuers. I am happy to add more dancers to the distribution list - just let me know at mbccorrsec@gmail.com.

Caravan chairs, if you send me your caravan schedules, I'll add your caravan as incoming on the weekly email dance announcements.

I sent out five cards in September to fellow dancers & family who were sick, in distress or suffering a loss. If you know of someone the Mount Baker Council should reach out to, please let me know.

Area Delegate: Judy Corning 206-794-5946 judyseatrvl@comcast.net

State Meeting 19 Sept 2026-Reported by Steve Sworen

From the President: "If what we are doing does not benefit our dancers, we should not be doing it."

New State directories are available.

New State Website has lots of changes! Footnotes articles are now indexed so you can find back articles. The White Books PDF are now available under "Organization: Documents"

We are looking for a new State Logo, so please submit your design to the WASDF.ORG. Voting will take place in December for the new logo.

The 2026 State Festival made over $25K! 50% goes to the State Federation, and as no council sponsored it, a proposal was made to evenly distribute the remaining funds to the 10 Councils. Another proposal was that the smaller Councils would receive a larger % than the bigger Councils. What does the MBC recommend?

The 2028 Festival will be on June 15-18 in Tacoma. Leadership will be Thursday with a trail in dance Thursday night.

No club has bid on the 2029 festival.

Sou'wester Council put in a bid for the 2030 Festival for the 3rd Weekend in June in Longview. Bid was approved.

Other Motions: $5K Grant money to 2027 Festival for Flooring. Approved.

$10K Seed Money to Rainier Council for 2028 Festival. Approved.

Next meeting: ZOOM Jan16 at 9 AM

Please have your student metrics available. Starting students:___ Graduating Students:___

The next State meeting will be a Zoom meeting on January 16, 2027 at 9a.m.

Area Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

Nominations are being accepted now for State Federation offices for the 2027-2029 two-year period. If you would like to nominate someone, I have the forms for you to fill out. Nominations will be accepted at the January 16, 2027, State Federation meeting.

Advisor: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@msn.com

I have extra delegate Packets if you need them.

Parliamentarian: Steve Tompkins 425-319-2950 sandctompkins@gmail.com

Regarding the Bylaws, there is nothing to report.

Regarding the Standing Rules, there will be a presentation to discuss updating/ changing the Publicity Coordinator properties list in the Standing Rules to address administrative responsibilities for the Council owned parade float/trailer under New Business.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Coordinator: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 publicitymbc@gmail.com

Request was made for guidelines for posting of calendar listings flyers and ads on the Council website and in Council Notes. Possible addtions/edits to Standing Rules to acomodate and record guidelines may be required. See New Business.

Council Dances:

Fall Council Dance-Mount Baker Council

The Fall Council Dance will be held on Sunday, November 29th from 2-5 PM at the Northshore Senior Center. The theme is "Thankful For Our Callers and Cuers". The Callers and Cuers will be all of our council callers and cuers AND our new callers who will be going to Caller Lab this year. Come support our NEW CALLERS! Dave Harry will be calling a Student Level Dance upstairs, and they will join us for the last half hour. As the Council is putting on this dance, we are requesting each club provide a Raffle Basket. I am looking for volunteers for the front desk taking money and signing people in, and Decorations. Thank you to Geri and Janice for talking on the Raffle baskets! Tickets will be handed out tonight to all the clubs. Prices are: Adults $15, $18 at the door, Youth $10, $12 at the door. Student tickets will be distributed at lessons next month, and they are $10.

Council Directory: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@msn.com

The new directories are here! Please pass them out to your club officers. Please also review the leadership on Page 24 and the back cover. I have extra copies if you need them.

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com

For the October issue, we printed 330 copies for $606 and mailed 317 for $147. We will print extra copies of the November issue for students, to be handed out at lessons.

Education/Leadership: Stephen (Joyce) Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@msn.com

SQUAREDANCEREVIVAL.COM is offering Club & District Leadership training Starting October 12. It is one 2 hour zoom training every 4 weeks with homework! I will be attending. Check out their website for more information.

Footnotes: Sammi Fredenburg 425-297-3210 sammi.98270@gmail.com
If you haven't already, please submit your footnotes reports for the upcoming month to me by the 10th of the month, at sammi.98270@gmail.com . Be sure to check it out at https://wasdf.org/footnotes/ each month, not only to see your articles but to draw inspiration from other dances and events around the state. Consider putting the link on your club's website, in a mailing to your members, or your Facebook page. And they can use our support, so consider placing ads, which online the prices are really quite reasonable.

Heritage Center: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com
No report

Historian: Position Vacant. Contact Jo Ann Pyle if you are interested in taking over this position.

Membership & Insurance: Tom Corning 949-228-0719 tomcorning@comcast.net
No report

State Festival 27: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 publicitymbc@gmail.com

Planning is coming along. We have signed a contract with Carl Gipson center for the trail in dance, the Saturday night awards dinner, and for the cloggers. We are in need of someone to generate ads for the program. If you would like to do this or can suggest someone, please let Penny Curtis know. This will bring in much needed $1000 or so in revenue.

I met with Tyler from the City of Everett Economic Development department who is looking into additional parking opportunities and thinks he will have something to offer us.

Folks are travelling to Seaside Sashay, Royal Romp, and Oregon Mid-Winter. We would love a large MBC turn out for these events. If you are going please be sure to wear your festival gear to at least one of the evening dances!

There are 51 folks registered so far. Please join the mailing list by clicking the button on the Festival home page to stay updated about badge dance plans, sewing clinic plans, education clinic plans. We are planning one email a month. The Cup Adventure is moving along.

New Dancer Books/Student Liaison: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadun-

bar@gmail.com

Reported by Jennifer Coy
We have over **90 new dancers** taking mainstream lessons across 10 clubs.

The ***New Dancer Handout*** for the **2026/2027** dance season is now available on the MBC website under the "**Learn!**" tab. This handout **replaces** the **New Dancer Handbook**, which will no longer be produced.

Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

Please be thinking of someone you would like to nominate for your Council officers for the 2027-2028 dance year. Offices have a two-year term limit, and most of our officers will reach that limit after this year. I have the forms that need to be filled out and nominations will be accepted until April, 2027.

Properties: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

No report

Publicity & Promotion: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 publicitymbc@gmail.com
No report

Fair Coordinator: Bonnie Harry 425-773-9513 friends@petticoatjct.com

This is part Fair Committee, Publicity Committee and 2027 Committee and, well, good of the order!
When we were set up with the Council booth at the Monroe Fair, we made friends with the General Manager of the Radio Stations in Everett. He asked Dave to come to the studio and record some square dance music just for fun to play when they announce the station ID for KXA the Classic Country station 1520am / 96.9fm. They changed their minds about the square dance calls, but Dave did 2 spots mentioning Mount Baker Council of square dance clubs and a bit of yodeling. No-one has heard them yet, and no word of the timeline. However, our new relationship is setting the stage for some future advertising opportunities for the 2027 festival and beyond and will be mutually beneficial. They also have KRKO station 1380am / 95.3fm, a website called EverettPost.com and a direct marketing division. Tune in, and look over the EverettPost website with promotion in mind!

Round Dance: Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 bekarl@whidbey.net

Round of the Month for November 2026

"I Made You Look"

Chore: Ron & Margaret Hopkinson

Music: Meghan Trainor

Two Step: Phase II + 2 (Fishtail, Strolling Vine) +1(left turning broken box)

Download Made You Look – itunes download

Other Selections

Round Tuit: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail.com

Don't forget that any new Round Tuit requires **ten signatures** as of September 1, 2026. The revised form is on the MBC website under the "About MBC, Forms Table" tab.

Scrapbook:

No Report

Solo Coordinator: Andrene Zuanich 425-923-3000 andrenessalon@gmail.com

Since Cora Leach has moved out of the area, Andrene has been appointed the new Solo Coordinator.

Ways & Means:

No Report

Youth Coordinator:

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Guidelines for posting of calendar listings flyers and ads on the Council website and in Council Notes.

Penny noted that the only Standing Rule regarding what is allowable to be posted on the council website is #21 "The Council Website shall not contain links to personal Websites unless prior approval is granted by The Council."

Some groups that are not Mount Baker Council member clubs or affiliated kindred clubs would like to have their dances listed on the MBC website calendar. After much discussion, Melody Scalzo made a motion that only member clubs and affiliated kindred clubs would be able to post on the MBC website calendar. Flyers for out of MBC area events that are of interest to our clubs will still be posted under "Other Area Events". John St. Marie 2nded. Motion passed. Clubs will be required to fill out an excel file in order to get dates on the calendar. This will leave the responsibility of getting the information listed correctly with the person/club submitting.

Parade Float Administration

At the 9/2/26 Council meeting, discussion was held as to who had the administrative responsibilities of the Council owned float/trailer. Subsequent discussion resulted in the float/trailer administrative responsibilities being assigned to the Publicity & Promotion committee. Steve Thompkins presented a proposal to update the Standing Rules to reflect Publicity Coordinator's duties to include responsibility for

registration, licensing and insurance for the parade float.

After some discussion, it was decided that more research is needed and the proposal to change the Standing Rules to address this issue will be tabled until December.

DELEGATE REPORTS

A Blast: Judy Corning 206-794-5946 judyseatrvl@comcast.net

No report

Cascade Crossfires: Judy Corning 206-794-5946 judyseatrvl@comcast.net

No report

Chuckanut Squares: John St. Marie 425-248-8629 johnstmarie@yahoo.com

No written report submitted

Dancing Shadows: Fonda Ross 916-849-8554 tinkerntaz@aol.com

No report

Dudes & Dolls: Robert Reichle 425-337-2906 Robert_R_r52@yahoo.com

Last month Dudes & Dolls started student lessons on Tuesdays at 7:15pm at Cedar Valley Grange. We're excited to have 10 students participate: 6 joined the club, 2 members rejoined after several years' absence, eager to brush up on long-forgotten calls and learning some new ones!
Three students were younger relatives of club members, all bringing their youthful enthusiasm. An avid salsa dancer came after seeing our signs. Two students came after seeing us at the Lynnwood 44th Ave Street Fair.
To help new students practice, gain confidence, and enjoy an actual dance, Dudes and Dolls will be having a Salute to Our Veteran's Level Dance and used clothing sale on Friday, November 13, starting with Line Dancing at 7pm. We hope to see lots of angels there encouraging them along!
On October 23, for the first time our club decided to go dark to support our new students and enable their angels to join them at Samena Square's Student Level Dance thus not conflicting with our normal 4th Friday dance.
Our students enjoyed getting more practice at another club's dance, meeting new people and dancing to new callers. Going dark helped our club members accompany them.

Fern Bluff Squares: Ray Gallagher 425-772-3476 raybft@comcast.net

We are plugging along with our lessons, small but mighty. Thank you to all the angels that have been coming to support us.

The November dance is a Turkey Lurkey Level dance and there will be an experience clothing sale at the dance. Come get a dangle.

We are starting to plan for our annual Ed's Apple Dance it's on June 26th, 2027, so put it on your calendar there will be more information to come.

Reminder of our new times for our dances

Pre Rounds 6:30 to 7:00 Plus 7:00 to 7:30 Mainstream 7:30 to 9:30

Fidalgo Fogcutters: Leslie Keyes 425-409-4559 L_a_keyes@msn.com

Plus lessons will start on Wednesday, October 14th from 7-9pm with Steve Noseck. Classes will continue through December. Cost is $10 per person. Contact Don Carlson 360-303-7516 or don@karuson.com if you have questions.

Saturday November 14th is our All Aboard dance with caller Randy Preskitt and rounds cued by Bob Berka. After the dance, you're welcome to join us for dinner at the Train Wreck restaurant in Burlington.

All dances are held at the Skagit Valley Grange from 1:30pm to 4pm unless otherwise noted. Be sure to check our Facebook page for the most current club & dance info.

Freewheelers: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

Our lessons on Thursday evenings are beginning to be promising for new students learning to square dance. Lessons are now closed to new dancers as new moves continue to be introduced each week.

Freewheelers have two dances in November. The November 1st dance is a Harvest Dance with donations being collected for the Lynnwood Food Bank. Spyder Webb is calling and Randy Preskitt is cueing this dance. Thanksgiving is the theme of the November 15th Plus Dance with Randy Preskitt doing both the calling and cueing. We will caravan to the Skagit Squares on November 21st.

Happy Hoppers: Karen Hammontree 425-870-1632 kmtree99@gmail.com
Our lessons are going strong. We have 13 regular dancers each week. We are so proud of the work they are doing. On November 7 we will have our annual Student Appreciation Social to get to know our students and offer free experienced clothing along with food and games.
November 8th Stars & Stripes Veterans dance is a regular mainstream dance with Andy Garboden calling and Katie Marteny cueing. The Chuckanut Squares will be caravaning in to us.
The November 22nd dance will be a student level dance and a canned food drive. Vance Morrison will be calling this "Wild Wild West" themed dance. Kyle Quande will be cueing for us.

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer 206-883-6965 larry_mercer02@outlook.com
We will be dancing on the Tuesdays of November 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We are not dancing on November 24th. We dance phase 3 & 4 at the Hayloft, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Randy Preskitt is the Cuer.

Mt. Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers: Stephen Cole 206-769-4959 stephen@isquaredance.com

No report

Shooting Stars: Ryan Belsvik 425-770-0432 nbelsvik@gmail.com

Shooting Stars holds Mainstream dances with lines on the 3rd Saturday from 1:30PM – 4:30PM at TriWay Grange. Dances are called by Rob Sax and Youth callers.

Join us for Plus lessons on Wednesdays 6:30PM – 8:30PM with youth caller Kendra Still.

Samena Squares: Lee Barnhart 425-820-4188 leebarnhart061@gmail.com

Andy Garboden will call and Alison Hampton will cue our November 13 Turkey Trot dance. We will be dark on November 27.

Don't forget you can now pay for your dance admission with credit or debit card.

We dance at Juanita Community Club, 13027 100th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034

Skagit Squares: Jim Hunt 425-681-4640 jchunt3@gmail.com

The Skagit Squares dance at the Mount Vernon Community Center thru December 2026. The location for our Saturday dances starting in January will be announced shortly.

Our lessons with Dave Harry that started on Tuesday Sept 8th are doing well with nine students. Angels are always welcome – Tuesday Nights – 7 to 9pm – Mt Vernon Community Center.

On the 1st Saturday of November & December (**Nov 7th & Dec 5th**) the Skagit Squares are having ***Student Level Dances*** from 7 to 9pm with Dave Harry calling.

Our upcoming *3rd Saturday Skagit Squares Club Dances* are on

Oct 17th – *Snoopy/Peanuts Theme*

Nov 21st – *Fly Away Bird Theme* w/start of Toys for Tots Donations

Dec 19th – *Toyland Theme*

Pre-Rounds: 6:30 to 7pm with *Mainstream Square Dancing* from 7 to 9pm - Gunter Monroe calling and Bob/Linda Berka cueing. **Please note our new dances times** – we are starting an hour earlier & departing an hour earlier.

It is with regret that we announce the passing of a long-term member and former club officer, Larry Gadbois who passed away on Oct 1st. Please keep his wife & family in your prayers.

Square Crows: Karen yahoo orbets@yahoo.com

The square Crows are pleased and excited to have 30 students attending lessons on Sunday afternoons at the Northshore Senior Center. Ray Gallagher is our teacher/ caller for this 2026 mainstream session.

November brings with it our student level dance. It will be on Friday, November 20th, with pre-rounds at 7:30 p.m. and mainstream starting at 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Vance Morrison is our caller and Kyle Quande is our cuer. For this dance, we will return to the Maltby Community Club. Pilgrims and Patriots is our theme for this dance. We are also requesting that those attending bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" Drive. We hope to see many of you and your students at this dance.

Whirlybirds: Sammi Fredenburg 360 359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com

October was a great month of dancing starting with our First Friday Fun Fest on October 2nd, and our Monster Mash on October 17th, complete with a Costume Contest. Our club dance is the third Saturday each month, pre-rounds 7:30 to 8, and mainstream from 8 to 10. Dave Harry calling, and Alyshia Main cueing, or like in November, Lisa Weiser Line Dancing.

Next First Friday Funfest is November 6. And join us November 21st with Live Sound with Dave and Bonnie Harry! It's an awesome way to kick off the holiday season.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Angels and students are reminded to use a light touch. All hand holds should be loose and swing and twirl is optional. We love enthusiasm but would like to avoid injury and causing students to quit because of rough handling. Thank you.

Dave Harry is compiling a history of area clubs. If you have any knowledge or memorabilia about clubs and callers/cuers that he is unlikely to have, or even just an interesting historical tidbit, please contact him.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **November 4** at 7:30 PM.

Snacks to be provided by Dudes & Dolls and Chuckanut Squares

Location: Marysville School District Board Room

1049 State Ave, 2nd Floor, Marysville, WA 98270

NOTE: NEW LOCATION

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Scalzo

Recording Secretary

Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council
Treasurer Report 10/1/2026

			Checking	Savings	Due 12/8/2026 CD 6 mo	Total
Balance as reported on 9/1/2026			6,656.68	15,393.54	46,359.98	68,410.20
Plus deposits						
		Membership dues	0.00			
		Samena Squares: Council Dance	60.00			
		Bank Charges				
9/30/2026		Interest				
		30-Sep		0.12	126.00	
9/30/2026						
		Subtotal Income:	60.00	0.12	126.00	186.12
Less Payments						
	778	Freewheelers: Angel Workshop	184.19			
	779	Stephen Sworen: Directory Printing	193.42			
	780	Samena Squares: Council Dance	60.00			
	781	Stephen Cole: No Experience Caller	100.00			
	782	Marysville School District: June Rent	35.00			
	783	Joshua McClintock: Demo Caller	100.00			
	784	Penny Curtis: Publicity Chuckanut ad/4	112.50			
	785	L&L Engraving: Fair Dangles	70.83			
	786	Bonnie Harry: Fair Expenses	223.18			
	787	Stephen Sworen: Directory Printing	43.00			
		Deluxe Business: Checks	119.87			
		Subtotal Expense:	1,241.99	-	-	1,241.99
Book Balance as of 9/30/2026			5,474.69	15,393.66	46,485.98	67,354.33
Outstanding Checks						
	763	Penny Curtis: Tockify website	80.00			
Bank Balance as of 9/30/2026			5,554.69	15,393.66	46,485.98	67,434.33
Designated Funds						
		MBCTCC		1515.57		
		Promotion & Advertising		1515.57		
		Youth Activities		1515.57		
		Financial Asst for Clubs		1515.57		
		Undesignated Balance		9,331.38		

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